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ELEGY ON SAUL AND JONATHAN ¹

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Thy glory, O Israel,
Is slain upon thy high places !
 How are the mighty—
 Fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon ;
 Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
 Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew
Nor rain upon you, neither fields of offerings :
 For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away,
 The shield of Saul, as of one not anointed with oil.

From the blood of the slain,
From the fat of the mighty,
 The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
 And the sword of Saul returned not empty.

Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided.
 They were swifter than eagles,
 They were stronger than lions.

¹The chief elegiac figure here, is the augmenting refrain : a refrain constructed on two ideas, coming together like the musical crescendo and decrescendo : *How are the mighty < > fallen!*

Ye daughters of Israel,
Weep over Saul,
 Who clothed you in scarlet delicately,
 Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

*How are the mighty—
Fallen in the midst of the battle!*
 O Jonathan,
 Slain upon thy high places!

I am distressed for thee, my brother, Jonathan :
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me :
 Thy love to me was wonderful,
 Passing the love of women.

*How are the mighty—
Fallen!*
 *And the weapons of war—
Perished!*